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1. Integrated circuit comprising a plurality of processing modules (M, S) said modules being disposed on the same chip, and	<p>Without conceding that the preamble of claim 1 of the '818 Patent is limiting, the Samsung Galaxy A53 (hereinafter, the “Samsung product”) includes an integrated circuit.</p> <p>For example, the Samsung product includes the Exynos 1280 system on chip (hereinafter, the “Exynos SoC”).</p>  <p>Samsung Galaxy A53 Exynos 1280</p> <p>https://semiconductor.samsung.com/processor/showcase/smartphone/</p>

¹ The Samsung product is charted as a representative product made used, sold, offered for sale, and/or imported by Samsung. The citations to evidence contained herein are illustrative and should not be understood to be limiting. The right is expressly reserved to rely upon additional or different evidence, or to rely on additional citations to the evidence cited already cited herein

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	<p>The Exynos SoC comprises a plurality of processing modules, for example Arm Cortex-A78 core, Cortex-A55 core, Arm Mali-G68 GPU, and AI Engine with NPU:</p> <h2>Specifications</h2> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>Exynos 1280</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CPU</td><td>Cortex[®]-A78 x 2 + Cortex[®]-A55 x 6</td></tr> <tr> <td>GPU</td><td>Mali[™]-G68</td></tr> <tr> <td>AI</td><td>AI Engine with NPU</td></tr> <tr> <td>Modem</td><td>5G NR Sub-6GHz 2.55Gbps (DL) / 1.28Gbps (UL) 5G NR mmWave 1.84Gbps (DL) / 0.92Gbps (UL) LTE Cat.18 6CC 1.2Gbps (DL) / Cat.18 2CC 200Mbps (UL)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Connectivity</td><td>WiFi 802.11ac MIMO with Dual-band (2.4/5G), Bluetooth[®] 5.2, FM Radio Rx</td></tr> <tr> <td>GNSS</td><td>Quad-constellation multi-signal for L1 and L5 GNSS</td></tr> <tr> <td>Camera</td><td>Up to 108MP in single camera mode, Single-camera 32MP @30fps</td></tr> <tr> <td>Video</td><td>4K 30fps encoding and decoding</td></tr> <tr> <td>Display</td><td>Full HD+@120Hz</td></tr> <tr> <td>Memory</td><td>LPDDR4x</td></tr> <tr> <td>Storage</td><td>UFS v2.2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Process</td><td>5nm</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>https://semiconductor.samsung.com/resources/brochure/Exynos1280.pdf</p>		Exynos 1280	CPU	Cortex [®] -A78 x 2 + Cortex [®] -A55 x 6	GPU	Mali [™] -G68	AI	AI Engine with NPU	Modem	5G NR Sub-6GHz 2.55Gbps (DL) / 1.28Gbps (UL) 5G NR mmWave 1.84Gbps (DL) / 0.92Gbps (UL) LTE Cat.18 6CC 1.2Gbps (DL) / Cat.18 2CC 200Mbps (UL)	Connectivity	WiFi 802.11ac MIMO with Dual-band (2.4/5G), Bluetooth [®] 5.2, FM Radio Rx	GNSS	Quad-constellation multi-signal for L1 and L5 GNSS	Camera	Up to 108MP in single camera mode, Single-camera 32MP @30fps	Video	4K 30fps encoding and decoding	Display	Full HD+@120Hz	Memory	LPDDR4x	Storage	UFS v2.2	Process	5nm
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<p>module (M, S), wherein said modules communicate via a network on chip, and</p>	<div data-bbox="506 326 1249 1243">  <p>Samsung</p> <p>Samsung uses Arteris FlexNoC IP in its Samsung Exynos mobile phone applications processors, digital baseband modems, 4K SUHD TVs and Artik IoT modules.</p> <p>LEARN MORE »</p> </div> <p>https://web.archive.org/web/20210514110614/https://www.arteris.com/customers</p>


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	<p data-bbox="590 289 1577 456">Arteris IP FlexNoC® Interconnect Licensed by Samsung's System LSI Business for Digital TV Chips</p> <p data-bbox="888 493 1278 526">by Kurt Shuler, on April 23, 2019</p> <p data-bbox="543 574 1598 699">CAMPBELL, Calif. –April 23, 2019– Arteris IP, the world's leading supplier of innovative, silicon-proven network-on-chip (NoC) interconnect semiconductor intellectual property, today announced that Samsung's System LSI Business has renewed multiple Arteris IP FlexNoC Interconnect licenses for use in multiple high-performance digital TV (DTV) processing chips utilizing Samsung's latest semiconductor technology process nodes.</p> <p data-bbox="548 737 1535 911"> “Over many years, FlexNoC interconnect IP has helped us accelerate implementation of our digital TV chip designs on our latest semiconductor process nodes. This core interconnect technology is required to develop complex and highly optimized chips in a predictable, low-risk fashion.” </p> <p data-bbox="1304 1008 1577 1057">SAMSUNG</p> <p data-bbox="1224 1117 1572 1138"><i>Jaeyoung Lee, Vice President, Samsung Electronics</i></p> <p data-bbox="543 1198 1619 1256">Samsung first licensed FlexNoC interconnect IP in 2010. Since then, Samsung has used Arteris interconnect IP to enable complex SoC architectures in chips like the Exynos mobile processors and other electronic systems.</p> <p data-bbox="501 1289 1577 1321">https://www.arteris.com/press-releases/samsung-lsi-dtv-arteris-ip-flexnoc</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Arteris Interconnect IP Solution Selected by Samsung for Mobile SoC Deployment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">by Kurt Shuler, on November 02, 2010</p> <p>Network-on-Chip (NoC) interconnect technology leader enables higher performance and more cost effective designs for mobile phone systems-on-chip (SoCs)</p> <p>SUNNYVALE, California — November 2, 2010 — Arteris, Inc., a leading supplier of on-chip interconnect IP solutions, today announced that Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., has selected Arteris’ interconnect solutions for multiple chips within Samsung’s mobile SOC products. Samsung chose Arteris interconnect IP to support the high speed inter-chip communication requirements in next generation mobile SOC products.</p> <p>“<i>The Arteris interconnect IP offers us a convenient solution to handle the high speed communication needed between our SoC and external modem IC. Our customers will benefit from the lower BOM cost and power consumption as a result of this IP. We look forward to Arteris’ interconnect IP helping us shorten development schedules and lower risks associated with compatibility.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Thomas Kim, Vice President, SoC Platform Development, System LSI, Samsung Electronics</small></p> <p>https://www.arteris.com/press-releases/pr_2010_nov_02?hsLang=en-us</p>

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	<p>For example, in the Arteris NoC, “[m]ost transactions require the following two-step transfers,” including “[a] master send[ing] request packets” and “the slave return[ing] response packets”:</p> <p>11.3.1.1 Transaction Layer</p> <p>The transaction layer is compatible with bus-based transaction protocols used for on-chip communications. It is implemented in NIUs, which are at the boundary of the NoC, and translates between third-party and NTTP protocols. Most transactions require the following two-step transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A master sends request packets. • Then, the slave returns response packets. <p>As shown in Figure 11.1, requests from an initiator are sent through the master NIU’s transmit port, Tx, to the NoC request network, where they are routed to the corresponding slave NIU. Slave NIUs, upon reception of request packets</p>

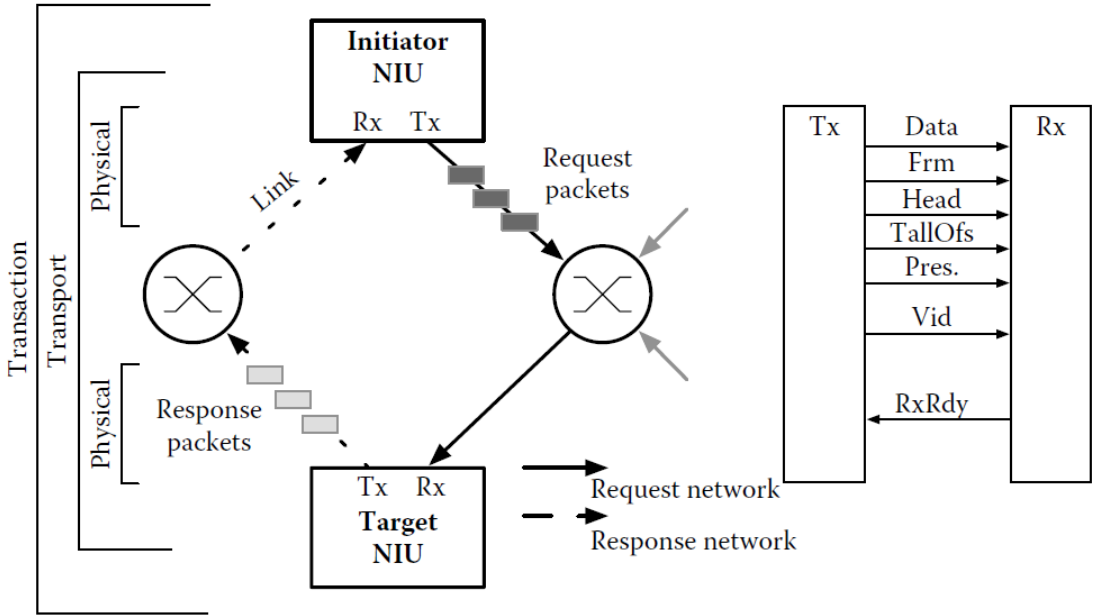
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	<p>on their receive ports, Rx, translate requests so that they comply with the protocol used by the target third-party IP node. When the target node responds, returning responses are again converted by the slave NIU into appropriate response packets, then delivered through the slave NIU's Tx port to the response network. The network then routes the response packets to the requesting master NIU, which forwards them to the initiator. At the transaction level, NIUs enable multiple protocols to coexist within the same NoC. From the point of view of the NTTP modules, different third-party protocols are just packets moving back and forth across the network.</p>

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	 <p>FIGURE 11.1 NTTP protocol layers mapped on NoC units and Media Independent NoC Interface—MINI.</p> <p>See Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0, at 312-313; see <i>id</i> at 308 (explaining that Chapter 11 of this book describes the function of the Arteris NoC: “In this chapter we will present an MPSoC platform [...] using Arteris NoC as communication infrastructure.”).</p> <p>A large SoC, such as the Exynos SoC included in the Samsung product may include multiple classes of Arteris NoC:</p>

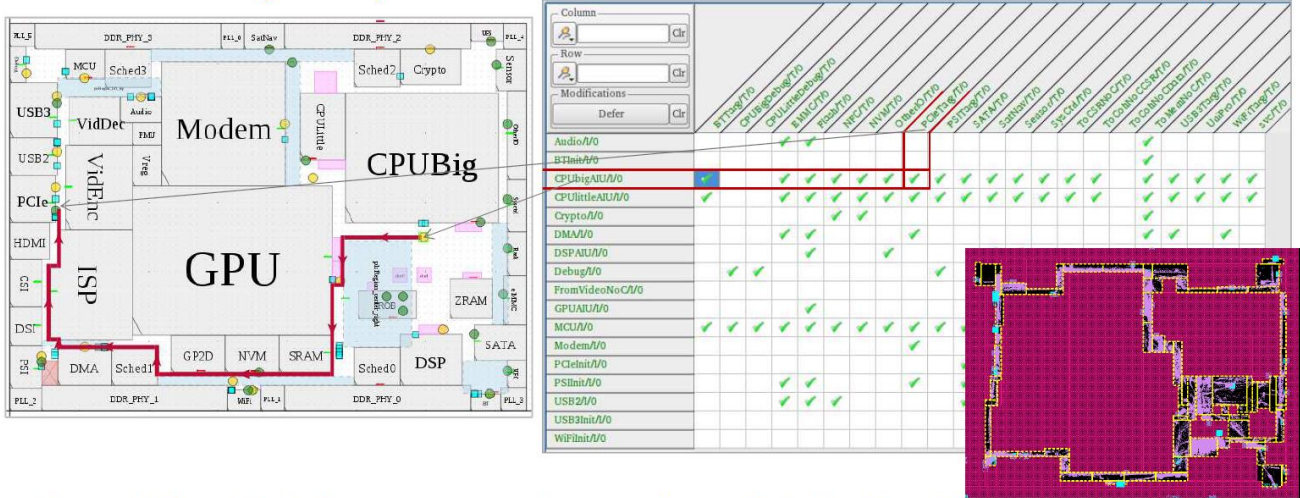

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	<div data-bbox="525 300 1575 357" style="text-align: center;"> <h2 style="color: orange;">Logical Interconnect Topology Development</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="525 365 1407 397" style="text-align: center;"> <p>FLEXNOC & NCORE INTERCONNECT IPS DEFINE ARCHITECTURES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="525 406 1869 844"> </div> <div data-bbox="525 852 1743 958"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArChip16 Example: Large SoCs have multiple classes of interconnect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Non-coherent, Coherent, Control/Status, Observability, etc. • Ncore & FlexNoC interconnects are managed separately from IP blocks, increasing design flexibility </div> <div data-bbox="504 990 1869 1031" style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ARTERISIP ISPD 2018, 28 March 2018 Copyright © 2018 Arteris IP 9 </div> </div> <div data-bbox="499 1079 1879 1153" style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>See Physical Interconnect Aware Network Optimizer, http://www.ispd.cc/slides/2018/s7_2.pdf, at slide 9.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="499 1193 1879 1274" style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>As a further illustration, connections between modules within the Arteris NoC may be defined by a connectivity table:</p> </div>

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	<p style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Connectivity Map → Interconnect Connections → Layout</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity table defines interconnect connections within the floorplan • Routes must pass through available channels in the floorplan • Connectivity passes from initiator NIU to switch, to link, to RC buffers and finally to target NIU <p style="text-align: right;">DC-Topographical</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  ISPD 2018, 28 March 2018 Copyright © 2018 Arteris IP 12 </p> <p>See Physical Interconnect Aware Network Optimizer, http://www.ispd.cc/slides/2018/s7_2.pdf, at slide 12.</p>
wherein said connection supports transactions comprising outgoing messages	<p>The Arteris NoC utilized by the Exynos SoC included in the Samsung product has a connection that supports transactions comprising outgoing messages from the first module to the second modules and return messages from the second modules to the first module, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.</p> <p>For example, in the Arteris NoC, “[m]ost transactions require the following two-step transfers,” including “[a] master send[ing] request packets” and “the slave return[ing] response packets”:</p>

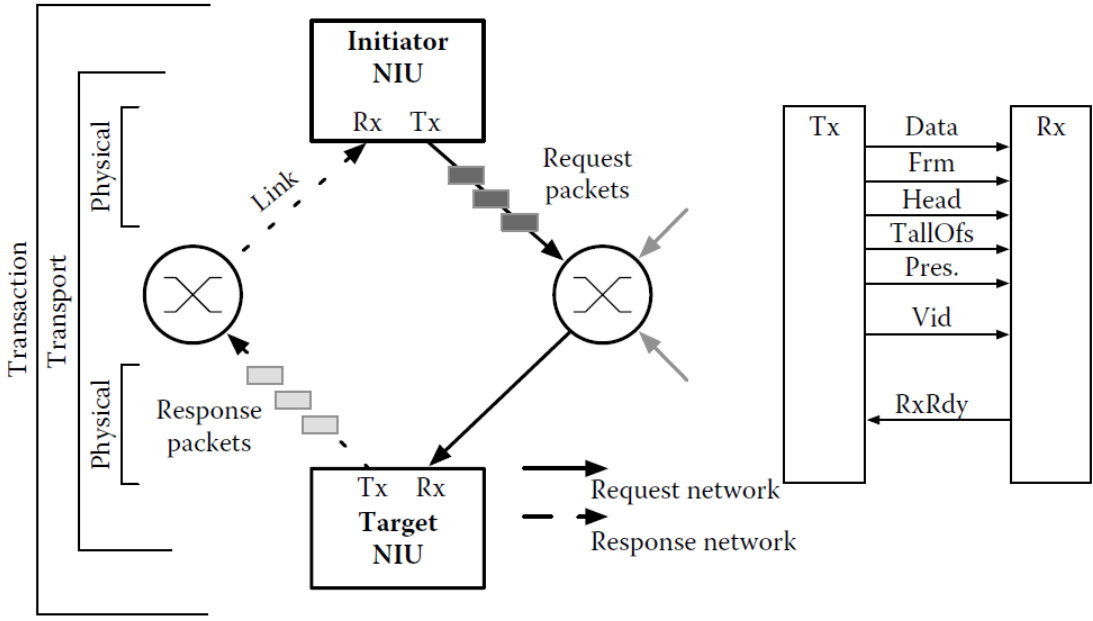
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the integrated circuit comprising at least one dropping means (DM) for dropping	The Arteris NoC utilized by the Exynos SoC included in the Samsung product has at least one dropping means (DM) for dropping data exchanged by said first and second module (M, S), either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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For example, the Arteris NoC addresses packet corruption using, among other mechanisms, “packet validity checker” and “initiator timeout,” which may result in data being dropped:

Example NoC Functional Safety Mechanisms

Function	Failure Modes	Safety Mechanisms
Packetization	External interface corruption; External protocol violation; Packet corruption	External placeholder (ECC/Parity); Packet validity checker; Duplication; Initiator timeout
Transport	Packet corruption	ECC/Parity + checker; Packet validity checker; Initiator timeout
Clocking and reset	Clock / reset glitch; Frequency error;	External Timeout AoU;
	Wrong clock gating	Initiator timeout; Packet validity checker; Percentage safe AoU
Safety reporting	Missed / incorrect reporting; unexpected reporting of Fault	Register parity; Regular check AoU
Safety mechanism	Missed / incorrect reporting; unexpected reporting of Fault	BIST; Regular check AoU

Functions

Failure Modes

Safety Mechanisms

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As a further example, the Arteris NoC includes “packet validity checking” and “transaction timeout” for error resiliency, which may result in data being dropped:

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	<p><i>A. Advanced Data Protection and Reliability for SoC Interconnects</i></p> <p>Arteris FlexNoC expands data protection and reliability features beyond the CPU and into the network-on-chip interconnect fabric. [14] FlexNoC can pass IP-generated error-correcting code (ECC) information through the NoC between socket interfaces. Alternatively, FlexNoC can generate custom data payload and control ECC in packet-generating units, and detect or correct errors in packet-consuming units. The amount of redundancy per data byte is configurable based on the cost and resilience requirements of the SSD controller.</p> <p>The FlexNoC Resilience package also includes packet validity checking, transaction timeout, control register parity checking and unit duplication and comparison that are all designed to extend error resiliency beyond the CPU and into the other hardware blocks of the design. Key to a complete implementation is the inclusion of a safety controller to manage faults and a fully-verified built-in test (BIST) module to continually test data protection hardware when activity is quiescent.</p> <p>Optimizing Enterprise-Class SSD Host Controller Design with Arteris FlexNoC Network-On-Chip Interconnect IP, https://www.arteris.com/hubfs/enterprise-ssd-controller-tech-paper-arteris.pdf at 7.</p> <p>As a further example, in the Arteris NoC, “[t]arget-side timeout in the network interface units detects unresponsive target IP failures and ensures that they do not block the NoC,” which may result in data being dropped:</p>

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	<p><i>C. Transaction Timeout</i></p> <p>Target-side timeout in network interface units detects unresponsive target IP failures and ensures that they do not block the NoC. Initiator-side timeout in network interface units detects transport packet deletion, bad routing, or failures of stuck arbiters or targets. Timeout is detected per transaction using a pre-scaled counter to minimized hardware cost and power consumption.</p> <p>SoC Reliability Features in the FlexNoC Resilience Package, http://itersnews.com/wp-content/uploads/experts/2015/03/95935flexnoc-resilience-package-tech-paper.pdf at 2.</p>
<p>at least one interface means (ANIP, PNIP) for managing the interface between a module (M, S) and the network (N, RN),</p>	<p>The Arteris NoC utilized by the Exynos SoC included in the Samsung product has at least one interface means (ANIP, PNIP) for managing the interface between a module (M, S) and the network (N, RN), either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.</p> <p>For example, the Arteris NoC uses Network Interface Units (NIUs), which “translate[] between third-party [OCP, AMBA AHB, APB, and AXI protocols] and NTTP protocols” and in the Arteris NoC, the NIUs “are at the boundary of the NoC” and there is a NIU connected to each of the master and slave nodes, between the nodes and the network:</p>

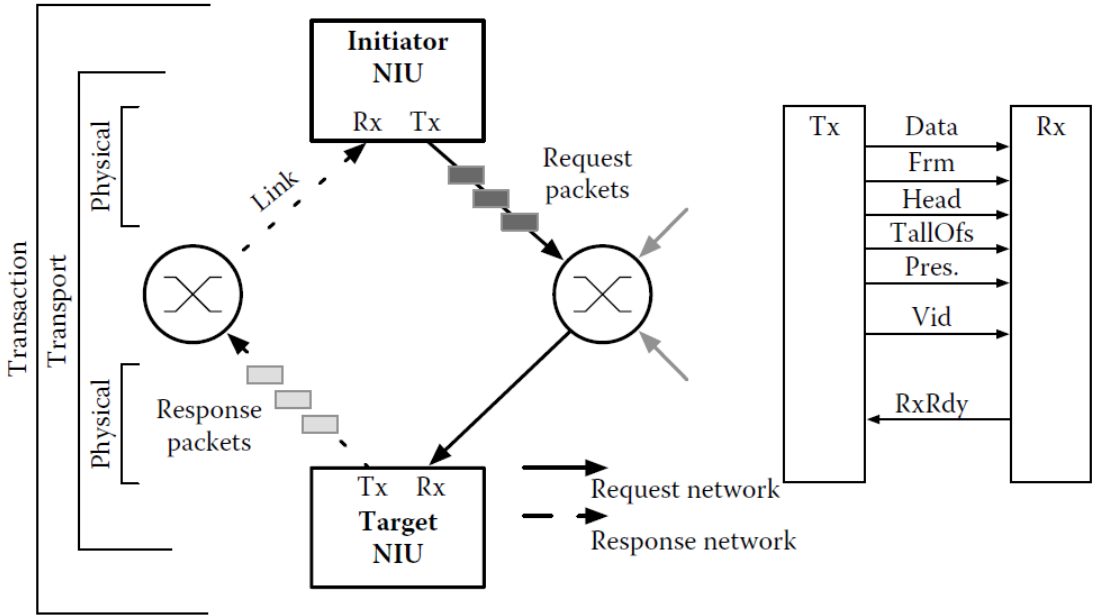
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	<p>11.3.2 Network Interface Units</p> <p>The Arteris Danube IP library includes NIUs for different third party protocols. Currently, three different protocols are supported: AHB (APB), OCP, and AXI. For each protocol, two different NIU units can be instantiated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiator NIU—third party protocol-to-NTTP, used to connect a master node to the NoC • Target NIUs—NTTP-to-third party protocol, used to connect a slave node to the NoC <p>Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0, at 316-317.</p> <p>In the Arteris NoC “Initiator NIU units...enable connection between an AMBA-AHB master IP and the NoC”:</p>

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	<p>11.3.2.1 Initiator NIU Units</p> <p>Initiator NIU units (the architecture of the AHB initiator is given in Figure 11.4) enable connection between an AMBA-AHB master IP and the NoC. It translates AHB transactions into an equivalent NTTP packet sequence, and transports requests and responses to and from a target NIU, that is, slave IP (slave can be any of the supported protocols). The AHB-to-NTTP unit instantiates a Translation Table for address decoding. This table receives 32-bit AHB addresses from the NIU and returns the packet header and necker information that is needed to access the NTTP address space: Slave address, Slave offset, Start offset, and the coherency size (see Figure 11.2). Whenever the AHB address does not fit the predefined decoding range, the table asserts an error signal that sets the error bit of the corresponding NTTP request packet, for further error handling by the NoC. The translation table is fully user-defined at design time: it must first be completed with its own hardware parameters, then passed to the NIU.</p> <p>A FIFO memory is inserted in the datapath for AHB write accesses. The FIFO memory absorbs data at the AHB initiator rate, so that NTTP packets can</p>

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	<p>burst at NoC rate as soon as a minimum amount of data has been received. The width of the FIFO and the AHB data bus is identical, and the FIFO depth is defined by the hardware parameter. This parameter indicates the amount of data required to generate a Store packet: each time the FIFO is full, a Request packet is sent on the Tx port. Of course, if the AHB access ends before the FIFO is full, the NTTP request packet is sent. Because AHB can only tolerate a single outstanding transaction, the AHB bus is frozen until the NTTP transaction has been completed. That is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During a read request, until the requested data arrives from the Rx port • During a nonbufferable write request, in which case only the last access is frozen and the acknowledge occurs when the last NTTP response packet has been received • When an internal FIFO is full

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	<p style="text-align: center;">NIU Architecture</p> <p>The diagram illustrates the NIU Architecture, which is divided into two main sections: the Request Path and the Response Path. Both paths interface with an AHB Slave Interface on the left. The Request Path starts with an AHB Req signal entering the AHB Slave Interface. Data flows from the interface into a DATA FIFO, then to a Packet Assembly block, and finally to a PIPE bw/lw block, which outputs to the Tx Port. A PIPE block also feeds into a TRANSLATION TABLE, which outputs to a BUILD HEADER & NECKER block. The TRANSLATION TABLE also receives an 'Add' signal from the PIPE and a 'Ctrl' signal from the BUILD HEADER & NECKER. The Response Path starts with an Rx Port inputting into a WIDTH CONVERTER (dashed box), which outputs DATA to a PIPE. This PIPE feeds into a FLOW CONTROL block, which outputs a CONTROL signal to the BUILD HEADER & NECKER. The FLOW CONTROL also receives 'Information from request path'. The AHB Slave Interface outputs an AHB Resp signal to the left.</p> <p>FIGURE 11.4 Network interface unit: Initiator architecture.</p> <p>Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0, at 317-318.</p> <p>As further example, “Target NIU units enable connection of a slave IP to the NoC by translating</p>

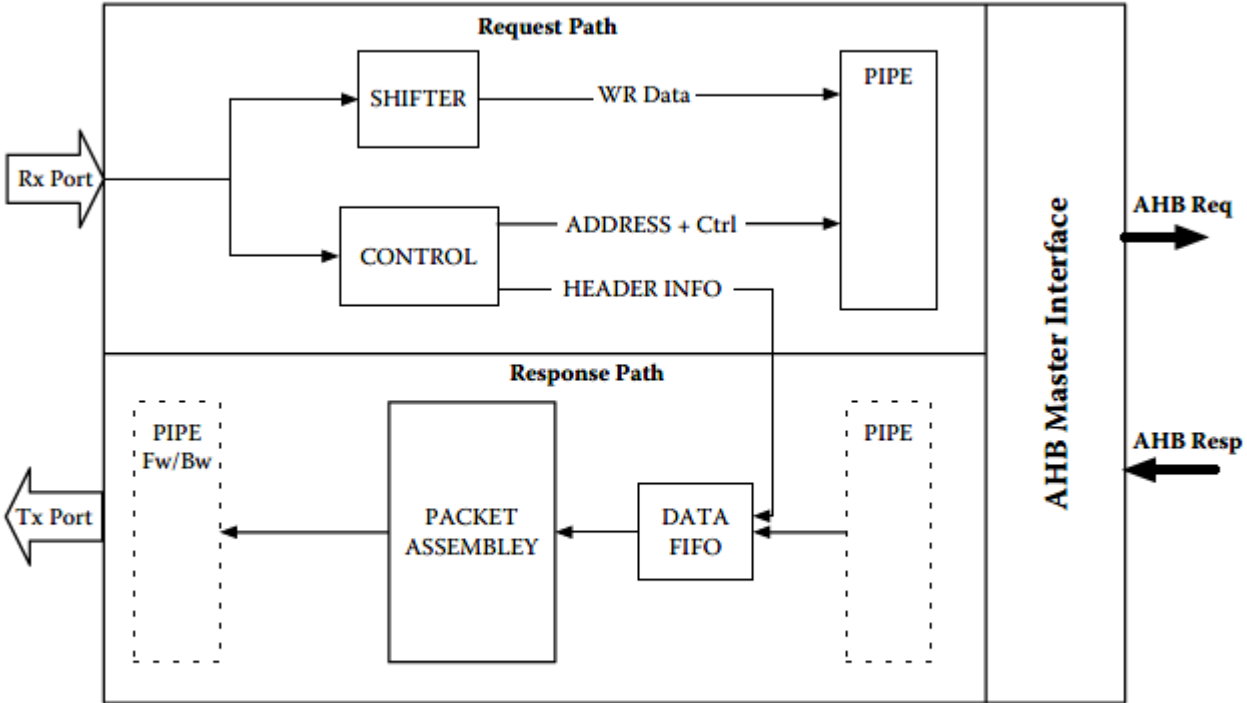
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	<p>NTTP packet sequences into equivalent packet transactions, and transporting requests and responses to and from targets”:</p> <p>11.3.2.2 Target NIU Units</p> <p>Target NIU units enable connection of a slave IP to the NoC by translating NTTP packet sequences into equivalent packet transactions, and transporting requests and responses to and from targets (the architecture of the AHB Target NIU is given in Figure 11.5). For the AHB target NIU, the AHB address space is mapped from the NTTP address space using the slave offset, the start/stop offset, and the slave address fields, when applicable (from the header of the request packet, Figure 11.2). The AHB address bus is always 32 bits wide, but the actual address space size may be downsized by setting a hardware parameter. Unused AHB address bits are then driven to zero. The NTTP request packet is then translated into one or more corresponding AHB accesses, depending on the transaction type (word aligned or nonaligned access). For example, if the request is an atomic Store, or a Load that can fit an AHB burst of specified length, then such a burst is generated. Otherwise, an AHB burst with unspecified length is generated.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Target NIU Architecture</p>  <p>The diagram illustrates the Target NIU Architecture, divided into a Request Path and a Response Path. The Request Path starts at the Rx Port, which splits into two branches: one leading to a SHIFTER block and another to a CONTROL block. The SHIFTER outputs WR Data to a PIPE block. The CONTROL block outputs ADDRESS + Ctrl and HEADER INFO to the same PIPE block. The Response Path starts from the AHB Master Interface, which receives AHB Resp. This signal goes through a DATA FIFO and a PACKET ASSEMBLY block to a PIPE block (labeled PIPE Fw/Bw). The Tx Port is connected to this PIPE block. The AHB Master Interface is a vertical block on the right side of the architecture.</p> <p>FIGURE 11.5 Network interface unit: Target architecture.</p> <p>Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0, at 318-319.</p>

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<p>wherein said interface means (ANIP, PNIP) comprises a first dropping means (DM) for dropping data, and</p>	<p>The interface means of the Arteris NoC utilized by the Exynos SoC included in the Samsung product comprises a first dropping means (DM) for dropping data, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.</p> <p>For example, the Arteris NoC uses Network Interface Units (NIUs), which include Initiator NIUs, that are “used to connect a master node to the NoC,” and the Target NIUs, that are “used to connect a slave node to the NoC”:</p> <p>11.3.2 Network Interface Units</p> <p>The Arteris Danube IP library includes NIUs for different third party protocols. Currently, three different protocols are supported: AHB (APB), OCP, and AXI. For each protocol, two different NIU units can be instantiated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiator NIU—third party protocol-to-NTTP, used to connect a master node to the NoC • Target NIUs—NTTP-to-third party protocol, used to connect a slave node to the NoC <p>Networks-On-Chips Theory and Practice, https://vdoc.pub/download/networks-on-chips-theory-and-practice-embedded-multi-core-systems-6f26qivv11f0, at 316-317.</p> <p>For example, the Arteris NoC addresses packet corruption using, among other mechanisms, “packet validity checker” and “initiator timeout,” which may result in data being dropped:</p>

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	Wrong clock gating	Initiator timeout; Packet validity checker; Percentage safe AoU
Safety reporting	Missed / incorrect reporting; unexpected reporting of Fault	Register parity; Regular check AoU
Safety mechanism	Missed / incorrect reporting; unexpected reporting of Fault	BIST; Regular check AoU

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	<p><i>A. Advanced Data Protection and Reliability for SoC Interconnects</i></p> <p>Arteris FlexNoC expands data protection and reliability features beyond the CPU and into the network-on-chip interconnect fabric. [14] FlexNoC can pass IP-generated error-correcting code (ECC) information through the NoC between socket interfaces. Alternatively, FlexNoC can generate custom data payload and control ECC in packet-generating units, and detect or correct errors in packet-consuming units. The amount of redundancy per data byte is configurable based on the cost and resilience requirements of the SSD controller.</p> <p>The FlexNoC Resilience package also includes packet validity checking, transaction timeout, control register parity checking and unit duplication and comparison that are all designed to extend error resiliency beyond the CPU and into the other hardware blocks of the design. Key to a complete implementation is the inclusion of a safety controller to manage faults and a fully-verified built-in test (BIST) module to continually test data protection hardware when activity is quiescent.</p> <p>Optimizing Enterprise-Class SSD Host Controller Design with Arteris FlexNoC Network-On-Chip Interconnect IP, https://www.arteris.com/hubfs/enterprise-ssd-controller-tech-paper-arteris.pdf at 7.</p> <p>As a further example, in the Arteris NoC, “[t]arget-side timeout in the network interface units detects unresponsive target IP failures and ensures that they do not block the NoC,” which may result in data being dropped:</p>

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